

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, relative to the Attorney General and Reporter for the State.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

An attorney general and reporter for the state shall be appointed by the governor and shall hold office for a period coterminous with the governor's term of office; however, prior to assuming the duties of office, the attorney general and reporter shall be confirmed by senate resolution adopted by a majority of the total membership of the Senate. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. In the absence of a duly appointed and confirmed attorney general, the chief deputy attorney general shall serve as interim attorney general and reporter or, in the absence of a chief deputy attorney general, the solicitor general shall serve as interim attorney general and reporter. The attorney general and reporter, the chief deputy attorney general and the solicitor general shall each be at least thirty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, an attorney duly licensed in this state, and have been a citizen of this state for the five-year period

immediately preceding service as attorney general and reporter or interim

attorney general and reporter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the November 2014 general election, the Justices of the Supreme Court shall retain power to fill any vacancy arising in the office of attorney general and reporter until January 17, 2015, at which time the amendatory language proposed herein shall become effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.